



Wikis in the Classroom

Reigning in the fear: Spreading collaboration

Pros

Cons



WIKIPEDIA
The Free Encyclopedia

Wikiality

WEBSITE, WIKI, OR BOTH?

Website

- Static information
- Generally one site designer
- Website must be updated from one central location, e.g, your work computer only
- Better to post for public view

Wiki

- Ever-changing information
- A group of collaborators
- Wiki can be updated from any location on any computer
- Membership required!

WHERE TO BEGIN

Sign-up for a free, teacher wiki account

Request membership to the CFF wiki

Peruse the resources you have available on the CFF wiki

- Technology Highlights - September
- Wikispace 101 - Created by McQuillan
- Student Instructions
- Wikis in Plain English - *I show this video to my classes*

SUGGESTIONS FOR TEACHERS

- Map out the purpose for your wiki(s).
- Always introduce technology to your students; while many students are tech-savvy, some are novice users or may simply be unfamiliar with a specific technology.
- Do not use a wiki once; if you use it, integrate the wiki throughout instruction.
- Consider having separate wikis for different grades and levels.
- If you have a website, link to your wiki & post instructions.

USING THE WIKI IN CLASS

Occasionally, I refer to my wiki during class, but the one thing I have learned is that I don't do it enough! If you don't use it regularly, it will be a student afterthought. Consider teaching directly for your site.

Hints

Print to .pdf
Open in Safari
Add to Bookmark Bar
Check Remember User

MEMBERSHIP TO YOUR WIKI

- Devise a username for you to easily identify members (this may be their student id numbers)
- Have students request membership to your site
- Deny students membership to your space if they do not follow your username requirements

SUGGESTIONS FOR STUDENTS

- Record your username and password! Do not share it; do not lose it!
- Remember, the wiki is an extension of our classroom--it's an academic environment.
- The wiki is NOT optional. Students are expected to post.
- Notify Me: Feeds keep track of changes without continuously visiting the site.

SUPE UP YOUR WIKI!

Calendars
Media
Widgets
Blabberize/Voki

RESOURCES @ YOUR FINGERTIPS

Wikispaces - The preferred wiki site for
Parkland teachers

CFFWiki - Parkland wiki

CFFPLCWiki - Wikis for PLC members to
collaborate

But did you know:

<http://cliucffcoaches.wikispaces.com/>

[http://www.wikispaces.com/site/
tour#introduction](http://www.wikispaces.com/site/tour#introduction)

HOW DO I GET A FREE EDUCATIONAL WIKI?

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